



December 23, 2020

To: All Residents, Families, and Staff

### **Notice of Positive COVID Test in a Staff Member**

We have been informed that a member of our staff has tested positive for COVID-19. In consultation with the Health Unit, they have decided not to declare an outbreak for the entire Home until a false-positive result is ruled out. If the test is confirmed as positive, as an isolated case we assume it was the result of contact in the community, rather than internal to Centennial Place. The asymptomatic staff member is in isolation at home in a nearby region and will be retested by that region's Health Unit.

Out of an abundance of caution we immediately put our outbreak management plan into effect. Staff have been cohorted and both staff and residents are being tested according to Public Health recommendations. (Staff were tested earlier this week, which gave rise to this one positive result.) All visits and absences have been cancelled, three days earlier than they would have been cancelled under the provincewide Shutdown order that takes effect on Boxing Day.

We are consulting with the Health Unit and following provincial infection prevention and control directives. We are confident in the measures we have in place, including:

- Active screening of anyone who enters our Home.
- Staff have been tested every two weeks and the temperatures of all residents and all staff are taken twice each day.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols are in place.
- Universal masking is in place for all staff and visitors, and was implemented for residents in alignment with the recent provincial directive.
- We have more than sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE), if needed.

We will continue to take actions that promote the health and safety of our residents and team members as our first priority. This is very unfortunate timing, which seems to have been the standard throughout the remarkable year we've all experienced in 2020.

We will keep you updated as we get more information. You can also find news through our website communication page: <https://aoninc.com/covid19-communications.php>

Sincerely,

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